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## Changes Made to Libby Asbestos Site Team

### ***EPA announces retirements, reassignments***

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(Denver, Colo. – November 30, 2010) The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced today that there will be some new additions to the Libby Asbestos Superfund Site Team that manages the day-to-day work for the project.

Ted Linnert, who had served as the site's Community Involvement Coordinator for six years, is retiring from EPA after ten years of dedicated federal service. Ted has transitioned his duties to Libby Faulk, who has worked on the Site Team during most of this year's construction season.

Nicole Bein, the Remedial Project Manager (RPM) assigned to Operable Unit 4 (OU4, the town of Libby) and who managed critical sampling events over the past year, recently secured a position in EPA's Criminal Investigations Division, a long-held field of interest for her. EPA is currently in the process of selecting an RPM to fulfill her role on the Libby Team.

Bonnie Lavelle, the RPM for OU3 (the former vermiculite mine) who has diligently guided the initial phases of the Remedial Investigation/Feasibility Study at this operable unit for the past three years, will be transitioning to oversee other Superfund work within EPA Region 8. Seasoned RPMs Rebecca Thomas and Christina Progross will assume responsibility for the work on OU3.

"EPA will ensure that these routine personnel changes are seamless and that we continue to make progress in achieving site cleanup goals," said Victor Ketellapper, EPA's Libby Team Leader. "I'm looking forward to the experience the new members will bring to the team."

The number of positions and individual roles on Superfund site teams vary according to the needs of the site. In addition to the Team Leader, the Libby Asbestos Site Team employs multiple Remedial Project Managers (RPMs), two Toxicologists, an Attorney, and Data Management and Community Relations personnel.

In 2002, the Libby Asbestos Site was added to the Superfund National Priorities List, and EPA sampled and inspected 3,000+ properties. By October of 2010, EPA had completed response actions at 1,400+ residential and commercial properties, and had initiated significant toxicity studies to support completion of the Site-Wide Risk Assessment. Investigations and response actions are ongoing in the neighboring town of Troy, the mine, various former vermiculite processing areas, the railroad rights of way, and state highways.

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